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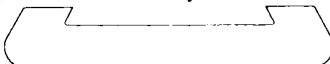
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**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY, USSR**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY IS BEING EXPANDED TO SUPPORT NEW SOLID-PROPELLANT ICBM FLIGHT TEST PROGRAMS.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THREE AREAS AT PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY ARE BEING MODIFIED/CONSTRUCTED IN SUPPORT OF NEW SOLID-PROPELLANT ICBM FLIGHT TEST PROGRAMS (GRAPHIC 1). A MISSILE RECEIVING AND CHECKOUT AREA (MRACA) FOR A MEDIUM-SIZED SOLID-PROPELLANT (MEDIUM-SOLID) ICBM IS NEARING COMPLETION (GRAPHIC 2). NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE SS-16 RECEIVING/INSPECTION/CHECKOUT (RIC) FACILITY INDICATE THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM OF THE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SS-16 MOBILE-ICBM (GRAPHIC 3). RECENTLY A NEW POSSIBLE MRACA WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION (GRAPHIC 4).

(S/D) THE MEDIUM-SOLID MRACA HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS (GRAPHIC 2). NEW BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED INCLUDE A 102-METER CLERESTORY-TYPE MISSILE RECEIVING AND CHECKOUT BUILDING WITH A RAIL TRANSLOADING-DOCK, A REVETTED FOUR-BAY INTERIM MISSILE STORAGE BUILDING, TWO PROBABLE TELEMETRY/CHECKOUT BUILDINGS CONNECTED BY AN ABOVE GROUND PERSONNEL PASSAGEWAY, A HIGH TWO-BAY DRIVE-THROUGH BUILDING, A TWO-BAY RAIL TRANSLOADING SHED, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED BUILDING. THIS FACILITY WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982, AFTER WHICH THE FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM OF THE MEDIUM-SOLID ICBM WILL PROBABLY BEGIN.

(S/D) THE SS-16 RIC FACILITY HAS BEEN UNDERGOING MODIFICATION TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SS-16 MOBILE-ICBM SINCE SEPTEMBER 1980 (GRAPHIC 3). A CLERESTORY-TYPE BUILDING, A TWO-BAY SHED, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED BUILDING ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE SS-16 RIC AND THE FOUR-BAY RAIL-SERVED INTERIM MISSILE STORAGE BUILDINGS WERE MODIFIED. TWO PROBABLE MISSILE CANISTER DOLLIES HAVE BEEN IN THIS FACILITY SINCE AT LEAST MARCH 1982. MODIFICATION/CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FALL OF 1982.

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(S/D) A NEW POSSIBLE MRACA IS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION 300 METERS EAST OF THE SS-16 RIC (GRAPHIC 4). A PROBABLE HIGH-BAY BUILDING ABOUT 90 METERS LONG AND 42 METERS WIDE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND TREES HAVE BEEN CLEARED FOR A RAIL SPUR TO THE MAIN COMPLEX RAIL LINE. THE PROBABLE HIGH-BAY BUILDING WILL PROBABLY BE A MISSILE RECEIVING AND CHECKOUT BUILDING. IF THIS NEW FACILITY IS INTENDED TO BE AS LARGE AS THE MEDIUM-SOLID MRACA, ADDITIONAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. USING THE TIMING AND SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEDIUM-SOLID MRACA AS A MODEL, THIS NEW FACILITY MAY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1985. THIS SUGGESTS THAT ANOTHER SOLID-PROPELLANT ICBM MAY BE FLIGHT TESTED FROM PLESETSK IN THE 1985-1986 TIME FRAME. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION MAY BE RELATED TO MODIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE SS-16 RIC AND THE MEDIUM-SOLID MRACA. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT LIKELY DUE TO THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THIS TYPE OF FACILITY.

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